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February 1, 2010

Bill Willing, Chair
SW Montana Veterans' Home
Site Selection Committee
c/o A&E Division
1520 E. 6th Avenue
PO Box 200103
Helena, MT 59620

Dear Committee Members:

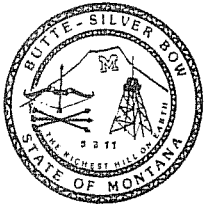
On behalf of Butte-Silver Bow City-County, I would like to reaffirm our commitment and continue to pay the veteran burial fees of \$250 per **Montana Code Annotated 10-2-501 -- Interment allowance for veterans -- payment by county of residence -- veterans' interment.**

So far this fiscal year, Butte-Silver Bow has paid Duggan Dolan Mortuary \$4,500 and Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home \$7,750 for burial costs.

If we can provide further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (406) 497-6221 or email me at chiefexec@bsb.mt.gov.

Sincerely,

Paul David Babb
Chief Executive



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Dear Committee Members:

On behalf of Butte-Silver Bow local government, please accept this letter as our community's official invitation and proposal to site Southwest Montana's Veterans' Home. Butte-Silver Bow's veteran, business and healthcare communities, along with the residents of our county are fully prepared to welcome and support this project and our veterans.

To make sure our proposal met the needs and expectations of our veterans, we formed a partnership with the many veteran groups in our community. This partnership consisted of representatives from the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1448 and its Auxiliary; Marine Corps League; American Legion Posts 1 and 115 and its Auxiliary; United Veterans Council; and Disabled American Veterans. This process was completely "veteran driven" and our task consisted of taking their input and putting it into the proposal format. Over the past four months, this group of committed veterans has reviewed the request for proposal criteria, listened to updates from our community representative (Bob Pavlovich), toured several sites, and ultimately selected our community's site for the proposed Veteran's Home. The veterans chose this site from four locations, and based their selection on location, access, peacefulness, with outstanding views. The location we have proposed meets all of their requirements and more.

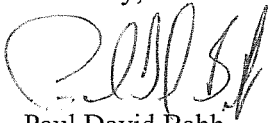
Further, on January 27, 2010, the Butte-Silver Bow Council of Commissioners held a meeting to solicit public comment regarding this site. Thirty-eight veterans attended this meeting all speaking in favor of the site. At this meeting, our local governing body unanimously endorsed the site, approved their support for submitting a proposal, and made the commitment to deliver the required sewer and water services to the site.

Our community is home to the largest veteran population in Southwest Montana, and our veterans are telling us that if they should need to live in a Veteran's Home they would want to be close to family. This is why Butte is the natural choice to site this home. In addition, the package Butte-Silver Bow is presenting to you in terms of healthcare, infrastructure, education, and human resources clearly demonstrates our community's qualifications for the placement of your facility. Butte is home to Montana Tech and the College of Technology, having a worldwide reputation for excellence and offering a curriculum that will provide quality employees for your facility now and into the future. We have a very well educated, versatile, and abundant workforce.

Butte is often referred to as a community with a storied past, an exciting present, and a promising future. We are very proud of our community, with its wealth of mining, political, architectural, and labor history. Our community is well known for its sporting events, world-renowned festivals, cultural activities, and retails/hospitality services. Butte truly has something for everyone, and we know our veterans will experience hospitality that is second to none. In short our veterans will be well served.

Thank you for considering our proposal, and we are excited about the opportunity of housing the new veterans' home in our community. I look forward to visiting with each of you when we make our presentation on March 4, 2010. If you have any questions about our proposal, please contact me at 406-497-6221.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Paul David Babb', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Paul David Babb
Chief Executive